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Attachment: Transmittal Letter (1 page);
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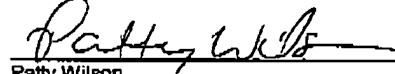
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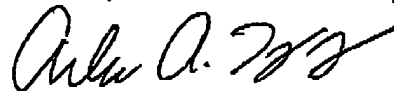
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1. An Amendment A (7 pages).

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